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SUBJECT: ROK PRESS PLAY OF HELICOPTER INCIDENT

BEGIN SUMMARY: KOREAN PRESS HAS REACTED TO HELICOPTER INCIDENT WITH MIXTURE OF ANGER AT NORTH KOREAN BRUTALITY AND SUSPICION THAT NORTH MAY HAVE FRAMED INCIDENT AND WILL USE IT TO PROMOTE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. FORCES AND DIRECT TALKS WITH U.S. END SUMMARY.

1. ROK PRESS HAS FILLED FRONT PAGES ON JULY 15 AND 16 WITH HEADLINED STORIES ON UNC HELICOPTER INCIDENT AND PLANS FOR JULY 16 MAC MEETING. STORIES FREELY DESCRIBE INCIDENT AND COVER IN GREAT DETAIL ALL STATEMENTS AND REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON.

2. EDITORIALS APPEARED JULY 16 CONDEMNING "OUTRAGIOUS" NORTH KOREAN " ACT OF BARBARISM," AND DEMANDING IMMEDIATE RETURN OF CREW AND HELICOPTER. KYONGHYANG SINMUN EDIT THEN GOES ON IN TYPICAL VIEW SAYING NORTHERN ACT SHOWS THERE NO INTENT TO CHANGE ITS STRATEGY TO COMMUNIZE SOUTH MILITARILY.

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IT IS CLEAR TO KYONGHYANG WRITER THAT NORTH INTENDS TO USE INCIDENT TO PRESSURE U.S. INTO BECOMING IMPATIENT AND CARRYING OUT TROOP WITHDRAWAL PLANS BY APPEALING TO CERTAIN ANTI-ROK AND ISOLATIONIST FORCES FEARFUL OF INVOLVEMENT IN WAR. KYONGHYANG ALSO SEES INCIDENT AS SHOWING NORTHERN CONCERN THAT U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWAL DECISION MIGHT BE REVERSED AND CALLS ON U.S. TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTARY GUARANTEES OF SECURITY

COMMITMENT AND IMMEDIATE U.S. INTERVENTION IN EVENT NORTHERN
ATTACK.

3. ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND OTHER VERNACULAR EDITS SOUND
SIMILAR CONCERNS. HANGOOK ILBO SAYS NK "WANTS TO GIVE
AMERICANS AN IMPRESSION THAT U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN KOREA
WILL PRODUCE TROUBLES ONLY... NK IS APPARENTLY TRYING TO
EXPEDITE US-NK CONTACT THROUGH HELICOPTER SHOOTDOWN."
OTHER PAPERS ALSO WORRY OVER POSSIBILITIES OF DIRECT NK/US
CONTACT DEVELOPING IN WAKE THIS INCIDENT.
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